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SUBJ: ECE/INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE (ITC), 34TH SESSION

1. ITC OPENED FEB 3 WITH ROUTINE ADOPTION AGENDA AND ELECTION BILLET (FRANCE) AND SHINKAREV (USSR) AS CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN RESPECTIVELY.

2. AGENDA ITEMS 3 AND 4 HANDLED WITHOUT NOTEWORTHY DEVELOPMENTS.

3. AGENDA ITEM 6 GENERATED LONG ANNUAL DEBATE ON ADOPTION OF AUTOMATIC COUPLING. EAST EUROPEANS PRESSING FOR INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT BY FIXED DATE, AND WEST EUROPEANS RESISTING FOR VARIOUS REASONS (MATTER FOR AGREEMENT AMONG RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION, FURTHER STUDY REQUIRED, ETC). CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ALSO DEVELOPED ON SATURATION OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES AT FRONTIER CROSSINGS (PARTICULAR REFERENCES MADE TO ITALY AND TURKEY) CAUSING INORDINATE DELAYS IN RAILWAY
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MOVEMENT. WITH REGARD AUTOMIATIC READOUT OF CAR

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MARKINGS, ISSUE OF OPTIONAL VERSUS ELECTROMAGNETIC
SYSTEMS DID NOT ARISE.

4. SESSION RESUMED FEB 4 WITH ADDRESS BY STANOVNIK.
HIS MOOD GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC ON SECURITY CONFERENCE
AND ECONOMIC STABILITY, ALTHOUGH IN LATTER REGARD HE
EXPRESSED VIEW THAT RETURN TO EARLIER ECONOMIC GROWTH
RATES NOT TO BE EXPECTED, THAT "ECONOMY OF WASTE" WOULD
BE SUPPLANTED BY ECONOMY OF QUALITY. STANOVNIK SINGLED
OUT TWO US INITIATIVES IN ECE FOR STRONG ENDORSEMENT:
(1) EFFORT THROUGH GROUP OF EXPERTS ON TRANSPORT
STATISTICS TO DEVELOP IMPROVED AND COORDINATED BASE FOR
ENERGY DATA, AND (2) 1976 WASHINGTON SEMINAR ON IMPACT
OF TRANSPORT IN SETTLEMENT PLANNING, WHICH HE DESCRIBED
AS MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO INTEGRATED TREATMENT OF ECE
PROBLEMS AND WHICH HE URGED ITC TO CO-SPONSOR.

5. AGENDA ITEM 5A, GIVING RISE TO DIVERSE STATEMENTS ON
CURRENT TRANSPORT POLICY DEVELOPMENTS BY TWENTY-FOUR
DELEGATIONS, TOOK BULK OF DAY. US DEL MADE STATEMENT ON
BROAD TERMS AND OBJECTIVES OF NATIONAL MASS TRANSPORTATION
ACT OF 1974. REMAINDER OF TIME ON THIS ITEM WAS DEVOTED
TO DISCUSSING HOW TO ORGANIZE IT MORE EFFECTIVELY FOR
THE FUTURE. LIKELIHOOD IS THAT MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO
PROVIDE POLICY STATEMENTS TO SECRETARIAT WELL IN ADVANCE
NEXT MEETING, VIA QUESTIONNAIRE, AND SECRETARIAT
ASKED TO CREATE SYNOPTIC DOCUMENT AS BASIS FOR
DISCUSSION.

6. AGENDA ITEM 7 WAS OPENED WITH LONG DEBATE ON DRAFT
EUROPEAN AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC ARTERIES.
SWEDEN, LATER SUPPORTED BY OTHER SCANS, OBJECTED TO
DRAFT SHARPLY ON GROUNDS OF LAW, FORM, AND SUBSTANCE.
SWEDISH ARGUMENT INCLUDED SOME UNFAVORABLE REFERENCES
TO OUTPUT OF WORKING PARTY ON ROAD TRANSPORT, UNUSUAL
IN ITC. UKRAINE, WITH SOME EAST EUROPEAN SUPPORT,
OBJECTED TO ARTICLE ON APPLICATION TO TERRITORIES FOR
WHOSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS A SIGNATORY IS RESPONSIBLE.
OTHERS WERE OBJECTING TO VARIOUS DETAILS AS MEETING
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